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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY IRVING TO AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH NUCLEAR COOPERATION

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1. DUE TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON BEST APPROACH TO SPANISH NUCLEAR EXPORT LICENSING PROBLEM, WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD HAVE PRIOR TO HOLDING MEETING REFERRED TO IN PARA 6 REFTEL. WE, ACCORDINGLY, HOPE THAT MEETING CAN BE RESCHEDULED. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID EFFORT TO DRAFT PROTOCOL, SINCE THERE IS GOOD LIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL HAVE SUGGESTIONS ON ADDITIONAL POINTS TO BE COVERED. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL INFORM EMBASSY PROMPTLY.

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2. IN MEANTIME, WITH RESPECT TO THE US ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FINANCIAL LOSSES INCURRED BY PRIVATE FIRMS DUE TO EXTENSIVE DELAY IN OBTAINING THE REQUISITE US REPROCESSING APPROVAL, WE REGARD IT AS OUT OF THE QUESTION TO AGREE TO ANY SUCH UNDERSTANDING AT THIS TIME. WE COULD ASSURE THE SPANISH THAT IN EXERCISING OUR REPROCES-

SING RIGHTS WE WOULD BE GUIDED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF AN
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDS CHARACTER AND WOULD

NOT SEEK TO GAIN ANY COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE, BUT WE RECOG-
NIZE THAT THIS DOES NOT PROVIDE ASSURANCE AGAINST FINAN-
CIAL LOSS. EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO
GOS ON THIS MATTER. BEGIN FYI. WHILE PRESIDENTIAL
STATEMENT INDICATES WE ARE CONSIDERING FUEL SUPPLY INCEN-
TIVES IN CONNECTION WITH RENEGOTIATION OF EXISTING
AGREEMENTS, THE NATURE OF THE INCENTIVES WILL NOT BE
KNOWN FOR SOME TIME, AND IN ANY EVENT, THEIR APPLICATION
MAY BE ON VERY SELECTIVE BASIS, WITH PREFERENCE GOING,
FOR EXAMPLE, TO NPT PARTIES. END FYI.
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